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MANUFACTURE OF CLAVAMS, E.G.
CLAVULANIC ACID

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating filing fees and examining this application please
amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which
begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.